

SOME CITY PROBLEMS

That Wheeling May Learn from Other American Cities.

MEETING OF WHEELING MINISTERS

At the Y. M. C. A. Yesterday Afternoon Addressed by the Rev. Mr. Crafts, the Superintendent of the Sunday School Bureau—His Experience and Work in Other Cities. The Ministers Protest Against the Sale of Beer at the Ball Park.

The preachers of Wheeling and vicinity held their usual monthly meeting at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon. Mayor Caldwell was present by invitation. The address was by Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, superintendent of the national bureau of reforms, and was in part as follows:

"In the opening pages of the Bible are introduced us to the city. God made the country, but Cain made the town. Cain built the first city and has been the leading spirit of cities ever since. But the City of Christ is now building on the earth.

"Our unbelief has made us think of the heavenly city as also a city in Heaven, which is a very different thing. The Bible plainly declares that the New Jerusalem, the righteous city built on the square, but with no court house in its centre, without even a church, since the whole city will then have been Christianized, is a city 'let down from God out of Heaven'—a city on earth in which Christ is wholly King.

"When Jesus said, 'My kingdom is not of this world,' He was correcting the erroneous Messianic expectation of the Jews that He would inaugurate His kingdom by the sword and other political powers. When John said that the kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of Christ he was proclaiming that Christ would consummate His kingdom by dominating through the hearts of the citizens, the politics and trade of the world. Jesus could not have taught us to pray, 'Thy kingdom come, thy will be done as in Heaven so on earth,' unless it was to be done some day. 'Behold thy King cometh unto thee,' O city of sin, the old Jerusalem where even Christ is sold for silver; but by the leaven of His law thou shalt become the new Jerusalem, a Christianized society, whose traders and rulers shall no longer be confused and alarmed when asked, 'Where is he that is born King?'

"If it seems a hard saying that the city of Christ is building about as to-day contrast Wheeling not only with the New Jerusalem of the future, but also with Rome of the past, where the most cultured men and the most pious women found their highest pleasure in the wholesale slaughter of beasts, gladiators and martyrs.

"I am asked to tell you of reform victories I have seen or known in other cities, that you may find in them encouragement and suggestion for local municipal reform, especially law enforcement. In my reform tours I have often come on a city in despair because the criminal classes had elected a mayor of their own, or because the city council had refused to re-enact some state law into a city ordinance, or had made a city ordinance contravening the state law. The city fathers of Bradford, Pennsylvania, having repealed the state Sabbath law so far as this city was concerned by a contrary ordinance, I suggested in a public meeting there that they should be formed into a kindergarten class and supplied with little maps of the state that they might learn that Bradford is in Pennsylvania and subject to its laws. So in Denver, also.

"As to the perjured mayors that abound, I had a part in a most interesting exhibition at St. Paul of the relation of mayor, sheriff and governor. The mayor, having allowed violations of law for years in the case of Sunday saloons and Sunday base ball, the officers of a so-called athletic club put up a cash guarantee that he would not interfere with a proposed prize fight, also illegal, which guarantee subsequent events showed they were safe in placing. A pavilion was erected and car loads of toughs and gamblers came from all parts of the land. Meantime a few good citizens, not hoping much, called a public meeting. Although the two leading newspapers were owned by the two chief officers of the athletic club and edited accordingly, the people rallied in force. The crowded, enthusiastic meeting showed that there were seven thousand that had not bowed the knee to Baal. The meeting, by resolution, declared that the mayor, in giving permission for the proposed law breaking, had really abdicated his office by breaking his oath, and appealed to the governor to enforce the law through the sheriff, the state officer for the county in which the city was situated. The governor, having his business partner held the stakes, responded to the commanding voice of the 'sovereign people,' as their prime minister, and commanded the sheriff, on penalty of dismission, to prevent the fight. The mayor threatened forcible resistance through his city police, but when, at the sheriff's request, a regiment of militia was called out, this perjured officer thought better of his threat. This lesson in civics was impressively completed when the regiment, early in the evening for which the fight was announced, marched through the streets and camped for the night in the pavilion, which had been seized as a pedestal of lawlessness.

"The Sunday saloons of Denver, although they had the mayor, himself a liquor-seller, with the chief of police, on their side, were permanently defeated by the sheriff, who had been elected on that issue by the aid of moral votes in the county outside the city.

"Another fight with Sunday saloons in which I had the privilege of sharing, at Cincinnati, brought to view yet another way to enforce laws in spite of a bad mayor, which was done in this case, though a city judge and prosecutor, elected by friends of law and order in both parties uniting on nominees who agreed in advance to enforce the law." The speaker also referred to New York where Sunday newspapers, though sold, are sold without the huckstering cries of newshoppers, who in Wheeling, he said, begin to shout "before 6 o'clock, two hours before the first street car, one hour and a half before the first mass, one hour before the first milkman, three-quarters of an hour before the early-bird and half an hour before the earlier worm, when there is no one to buy except burglars and night watchmen." The speaker said his mission was to rally public sentiment around mayors and other officers who wished to see the laws obeyed and enforced, and that mayors often welcomed his coming, as in Wheeling.

The mayor expressed gratification in the suggestive information as to possible reforms, admitted that Wheeling needed them, and told the preachers he was with them in everything tending to better the city.

Attention having been called to the

proposed sale of beer at the ball park the meeting adopted an earnest protest, but learned later, with great indignation, that the license had been railroaded through before the Islanders had had a chance to be heard. A committee was appointed on the subject, and also another committee to suggest definite plans for co-operation with public officers in the enforcement of Sabbath laws.

Mr. Crafts goes to Bethany college for three days of lectures, but will return to preach next Sabbath for Drs. Cooke and Riker, and will speak next Monday night at Bellaire.

FOR A HALF HOLIDAY

On Saturday—A Movement in That Direction May Be Started.

"Many of the wholesale merchants of Wheeling would like to see a concerted movement started here for a half holiday on Saturday afternoon," was the remark of a Wheeling freight agent yesterday afternoon. "All that is necessary to bring about so desirable a condition of affairs is for the persons and firms interested to call a meeting at once and agree to all close at noon on Saturday. There are several hundred employees who would greatly appreciate such a lay-off, which could be done without loss to anybody. The work could be rushed through on Saturday morning, so that the firms would lose nothing."

It is probable an attempt will be made soon to establish Saturday afternoon as a half-holiday with the employees of the wholesale firms, railroad freight depots and other houses. This, of course, cannot be done with regard to the retailers, who do more business on Saturday than on any other two days of the week.

ABOUT PEOPLE.

Strangers in the City and Wheeling Folks Abroad.

H. J. Cook, of Parkersburg, is at the McLure.

E. F. Marks, of Sistersville, is a Windsor arrival.

J. B. Spriggs, of Woodsfield, photographed at the Windsor yesterday.

John A. George, of Middlebourne, figures on the register at the Windsor.

J. Krakauer, of New York, the piano manufacturer, is here on a business trip.

L. N. Tavonner, of Parkersburg, was among yesterday's arrivals at the Windsor.

B. H. Hite, of Morgantown, was among last night's arrivals at the McLure.

Joseph A. Klein, of "Silver Age" fame, is in the city, a guest at the McLure.

Murray Dickson, of Fairmont, was in the city yesterday, and is a Windsor guest.

Col. V. B. Archer, chief counsel of the Ohio River Railway Company, is in the city.

State Senator Samuel H. Gramm, of Grafton was in the city yesterday, on a business trip.

General Manager George Heard, of the Natural Gas Company of West Virginia, is at the McLure.

H. A. Furbee, of Mannington, a well known business man of that hustling town, is at the Windsor.

R. H. Thompson, J. B. Lippincott and J. J. Henning, were railway passenger agents in town yesterday.

Miss Carrie Bruce, of the Island, has resigned her position with I. G. Dillon & Co. and accepted a more remunerative position in the City Bank.

F. F. Furbee, of Middlebourne; U. O. Shock, of Weston; Mrs. E. B. Booth, of Mannington; J. E. Newton, of Buckhannon; Miss Alice Moore and Miss Kathryn Moore, of Proctor, and W. W. Leyman, of Parkersburg, are at the Stamm.

F. M. Kiser and wife, of Mannington, and A. W. Robertson, A. S. Cooper, O. S. Marshall, W. M. Monroe and George Lambert, of New Cumberland, were among the Knights Templar who took part in the Wheeling commandery meeting last night.

"A Baggage Check."

A big house greeted Charles E. Blaney's big farce comedy company in a "Baggage Check, at the Grand last night. Mr. Al Grant, the mimic and entertainer, made a big hit and certainly does one of the strongest specialties seen in Wheeling in a long time. Louis Martinetti as Billy Butts is a big improvement, as also is Miss Clark. Several new and original specialties have been added. Misses Bolles and Melrose are two good soubrettes and Miss Melrose's "can't lick me" song made the hit of the evening. Fred Palmer, is as funny as ever, and Messrs. Pronia, Huntington and Morton are all clever. Miss Alice Welsh, as the "mick" in the Luncheon was very funny. The house should be packed at each performance.

"The Telegram" Coming.

The company which is to present "The Telegram" at the Grand Opera House on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 2, 3 and 4, is headed by the clever little sourette, Jessie Mae Hall, in the role of Ocie Linn. Her conception of the part is pronounced by the press as a decided hit. O. W. Hall, who has achieved gratifying success in low comedy roles, will be seen in the part of Hungry Higgins, and will introduce as a special feature his famous acrobatic act, "The New Tramp." Danny Mann, who was a great acquisition in "The Barrel of Money" the last time seen here, with Miss Hall as the star, has been retained for the part of Christopher Gore, the down-easter country merchant and model postmaster, and is very well suited to the part. The rest of the cast is strong in proportion, and nothing has been spared by the management of "The Telegram" to make this one of the strongest productions of the kind on the road.

Dartmouth Professors

Called It Incurable.

"I had a painful ulcer on my ankle, which physicians called an old man's sore, due to the poor state of my blood. The sore spread to the size of a saucer, and I had to give up business. The surgeons at Dartmouth College would not perform an operation, my advanced age, 75 years, in itself was a barrier, and only temporary relief could be given. I was pining over my misfortune when a friend urged me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. I had taken but part of a bottle when the eruption looked more healthy and after taking 6 bottles the sore completely healed, leaving only a scar. Hood's Sarsaparilla also helped my whole system as I have not felt so well for years." JOHN S. CURRIER, West Lebanon, N. H.

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TWENTY NEW BRIDGES

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Yesterday's Cleveland-Leader has the following: General Manager W. A. Woodford, of the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling, has awarded the contract for twenty steel bridges, to be placed in position on the line south of Uhrichville. The twenty bridges require forty-two spans in all. Two-thirds of the work was placed in the hands of the Carnegie Steel Company, Limited, and the work will be built at the Keystone bridge works, in Pittsburgh, which are owned by the Carnegie company. The remaining third of the work will be done by the King Bridge Company, of Cleveland.

The masonry contract, which amounts to about \$14,000, was awarded about two weeks ago to L. G. Hallock & Co., of Wheeling, W. Va., and a large number of men were set to work immediately. The masonry contract is to be completed by July 15, and, according to the contract, all the bridges must be in place by August 1.

To Be Turned Into a Plate-Mill.

The old nail factory at the Bellaire mill is to give place to an additional plate mill or a finishing department of some kind. It is said the 126 nail machines that were once used there, stood the company about \$400 each and that they offered them for sale for \$50 each, but could find no buyers at that price, hence the determination to break them up into scrap iron.

J. A. RICHARDSON, of Jefferson City, Mo., chief enrolling force thirty-eighth general assembly of Missouri, writes: I wish to testify to the merits of One Minute Cough Cure. When other so-called cures failed, I obtained almost instant relief and a speedy cure by the use of One Minute Cough Cure. Logan Drug Co., Wheeling, W. Va., B. F. Peabody, Benwood, and Bowie & Co., Bridgeport, O.

NOTES ON NAVIGATION.

Stage of Water and Movements of Boats.

The River Interests.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.

Liberty, Booth, Clarington, 2:30 p. m.

Ben Hur, Kemple, Parkersburg, 3 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-DAY.

H. K. Bedford, Green, Pittsburgh, 8 a. m.

Keystone State, Knox, Cincinnati, 8 a. m.

Hudson, Agnew, Pittsburgh, 8 a. m.

Lexington, Cline, Matamoras, 10:30 a. m.

Liberty, Booth, Clarington, 2:30 p. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.

Liberty, Booth, Clarington, 7 a. m.

Ben Hur, Kemple, Parkersburg, 3 p. m.

Liberty, Booth, Clarington, 2:30 p. m.

The marks at 6 p. m. registered 5 feet 8 inches and slowly falling. Weather cloudy and warm.

Mate Charlie Harrison, of the Hudson, has resigned to accept a similar berth on the Ben Hur. His place has been filled by Sam Dupuy.

The Carrollton was turned over to the White Collar line, her owners, on her arrival at Cincinnati yesterday. She will be placed in her old Memphis trade, under the charge of Capt. Dan Lacey and Mate Irwin.

The Scotia has made her reappearance in the Cincinnati-Pittsburgh trade, leaving Cincinnati for the Smoky City last evening at 5 o'clock, with the veteran Calhoun on the roof. Captain Calhoun personally superintended the repairs on the boat, which is now pronounced to be nearly as good as new.

Boats in port at Pittsburgh—Andes, Mayflower, Florence Bell, and towboats Boaz, Horner, Tom Dodsworth, Josh Cook, Mariner, Charley Brown, Percy Kelsey, Raymond Horner, Enterprise, Pacific No. 1, Fred Wilson, Twilight, Ark, Jim Wood, Dave Wood, Resolute, J. C. Risher, Stella Moren and Charley Hook. Quite a number of towboats are due within the next day or two.

THE MARKS ABOVE.

Pittsburgh—River 2 feet 10 inches and falling. Weather clear and pleasant.

Warren—River 1 foot 2 inches and falling. Weather clear and warm.

Oil City—River 1 foot 9 inches and falling. Weather clear and pleasant.

Morgantown—River 6 feet 6 inches and stationary. Weather clear and warm.

Greensboro—River 7 feet 7 inches and stationary. Weather cloudy and cool.

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